(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh asking for special assistance to the State under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana for providing job opportunities in earthquake affected areas of Garhwal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is a regular plan scheme for generation of wage-employment opportunities in the rural areas under which the funds are distributed amongst the State/Districts in accordance with the pre-determined criteria. As such, there is very little scope for accommodating the type of request received from Uttar Pradesh Government in 1991-92 for earthquake affected areas of Garhwal region. In spite of this limitation, the proposal of Uttar Pradesh Government was considered sympathetically in anticipation of shortfall of expenditure in some of the poor-performing districts of the country.

The examination of the proposals received from the Uttar Pradesh Government indicated that it was more in nature of seeking assistance for creation of assets than creation of job opportunities. In spite of the limitations as mentioned above, the Government of India accommodated the request of the Uttar Pradesh Government to the fullest possible extent as the facts mentioned in the following paragraphs would show:

INDIRA AWAAS YOJANA (I.A.Y.):

Uttar Pradesh Government had asked for an allocation of Rs. 7.25 crores for Indira Awaas Yojana for the earthquake affected areas of Garhwal. Out of that, Rs. 5.80 crores (80)% worked out to be the Central share. This demand was met in full.

MILLION WELLS SCHEME (MWS):

Uttar Pradesh Government had also requested for an amount of Rs. 2.10 crores for Million Wells Scheme. They were advised that this could be met by suitable reallocation of the amount already allotted to them under Million Wells Scheme and which was Rs. 102.19 crores.

OTHERS:

Uttar Pradesh Government also requested for an additional amount of Rs. 13.87 crores under JRY for the districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Tehri Garhwal, in addition to what they had asked for Indira Awaas Yojana and Million Wells Scheme. Out of that, the Central share worked out to Rs. 11.09 crores (80%). After examination of the proposal and administrative limitation of capacity to utilise the amount, the Central Government sanctioned an additional grant of Rs. 5.00 crores for the Programme. The judgement of the Central Government has been vindicated as till the end of February, 1992, the Uttar Pradesh Government has utilised only 12%, 73.1% and 42.4% of available funds for the districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Tehri Garhwal respectively.

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Commission of Restructuring of Planning Commission

5505. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert panel set up under the Chairmanship of Shri V. Krishnamurthy, Member, Planning Commission on restructuring of the Planning Commission

has since submitted its Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction to the pruning of the strength of members of the Commission and its Secretariat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Interim Report of the Task Force set up regarding structure and manning of the Planning Commission has been received. The broad features of the recommendations made in the Interim Report are that the Planning Commission should perform a 'Think Tank' role and suggested restructuring of the Divisions with this end in view enabling greater interaction in the Commission, with central Ministries and the State Governments. The system of engaging Non-Official Consultants for undertaking short-term expertise needs to be strengthened and various educational and research organisations to be involved to provide necessary inputs. The Commission should endeavour to get best quality personnel and there should be flexibility in giving higher grade posts within the total number, depending upon seniority, merit and performance.

(c) In pursuance of the recommendations, the number of posts in the commission have been reduced.

Funds Allocation for Rural Development Programmes

5506. SHRI K. PRADHANI:
SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI SATYNARAYAN JATIYA:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any cut in the funds allocation under rural development programmes during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allotted under the different heads of the programme during 1991-92 and for 1992-93, State-wise and the amount released in the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement showing State-wise allocation and release of funds under important Centrally sponsored rural development programmes in 1991-92 is enclosed. State-wise allocation of funds for the year 1992-93 is yet to be finalised.